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SIIIL Leadership Recognized at 2024 Annual Meeting in Cambodia



Following years of dedication to international agricultural research and development Drs. P.V. Vara Prasad, Jan B. Middendorf, and Manny R. Reyes were all recognized for their exceptional leadership in advancing agricultural research and

education, fostering innovation, and enhancing capacity-building. This recognition was presented by the Mission Director of USAID-Cambodia, Kerry Pelzman, and H.E. Chan Sovuth, the MAFF Minister of State, and presence of H.E. Bunthan Ngo, the Rector of the RUA. Click the button below to read more!

Farewell to SIIIL Research Professor, Dr. Manuel (Manny) Reyes

Dr. Manuel Reyes, who served as a Research Professor for 8 years in our lab has recently left the SIIIL family. Dr. Reyes has more than 30 years of experience working with water quality modeling, natural resources management, and conservation agriculture. When at SIIIL, he focused his efforts in Cambodia working with the Royal University of Agriculture and the University of Battambang to enhance human and institutional capacity to conduct research and training of scholars and youth. He facilitated partnerships with other Feed the Future Innovation Labs, international organizations, and private industry in Cambodia. Manny will always have a home with the SIIIL and will always be thought of fondly. Reyes will continue his work in his birthplace, the Philippines. When asked what he'll miss most about the SIIIL Manny replied, "The camaraderie and focus to do good for the SIIIL and CE SAIN families!"



Although he will be greatly missed here at the SIIIL, we wish him the best as he moves forward with his career and life. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment, Dr. Reyes!

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Monthly Spotlight:
2024 SIIIL Annual Meeting



Kansas State University's SIIIL held its 2024 Annual Meeting, June 17th - 20th, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. There were roughly 70 SIIIL participants in attendance representing over 15 countries across the globe including Bangladesh, Guatemala, the Philippines, and Senegal. The attendees included research partners and funding recipients of the SIIIL, along with private sector entities, and other partners as well as the SIIIL External Advisory Board. Click the button below to read more about our Annual Meeting!

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The Straw Axe Empowers Women Farmers in Senegal

Maï Diouf is an influential and inspiring woman in the Bambey community. She draws her reputation from her leadership in income-



generating activities, particularly in cattle fattening. In the three years that she has been using the straw axe, she's been carrying out a discreet revolution in her town of more than fifty thousand inhabitants. She has even become a great influence as Madame flourishes in this activity

which today gives her financial independence. Click below to read the full story.

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Partnerships for Peanut Production in Haiti



In an effort to economically strengthen smallholder Haitian peanut farmers, the USAID program Haiti Agricultural University Partnership introduced peanut crop production training, in collaboration with the Haitian Universities Campus Henry Christophe de l'université d'État d'Haïti à Limonade, Université Chrétienne du Nord d'Haïti, and their non-profit partner Med and Food for Kids. Earlier this year, the project successfully recruited a full cohort of 88 farmers from the three communities in the Cap Haitian area. Click on the photo to read more!





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